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1. THE LAST LINE IN PARA 4(B) OF REF A SUGGESTS THE POSSI-  
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BILITY THAT SOME TURKS MIGHT CHOOSE TO BLAME THE US IF DOMESTIC  
VIOLENCE IS NOT BROUGHT UNDER CONTROL.

2. THE US HAS OVER THE LAST SEVERAL YEARS BEEN BLAMED --  
EITHER DIRECTLY OR BY INNUENDO -- FOR NEARLY EVERY MAJOR  
POLITICAL CRISIS IN TURKEY. FORMER FONMIN CAGLAYANGIL,  
ASKED BY A JOURNALIST ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF CIA INVOLVEMENT

IN THE 1971 "COUP BY MEMORANDUM" AGAINST THE DEMIREL GOVERNMENT, INDICATED THAT HE BELIEVED IT LIKELY. PRIMIN ECEVIT HAS LONG MADE EVIDENT HIS SUSPICION THAT THE CIA HAS BEEN ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN OPPOSITION TO HIM (AND IN THE KURDISH MOVEMENT). THE LEFTIST PRESS FREELY ASSOCIATES THE EXTREME RIGHT NATIONALIST ACTION PARTY (NAP) ITS LEADER, AND ITS "COMMANDO" AFFILIATES WITH THE CIA. ONE EXTREME LEFT-WING NEWSPAPER WRITES REGULARLY ABOUT CIA SOCIALIST AND CIA FASCIST PROVOCATEURS IN THE CONTEXT OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.

3. DURING THE LAST FEW DAYS, THE FOLLOWING EXAMPLES OF THE BLAMING-THE-US PHENOMENON HAVE APPEARED IN THE TURKISH PRESS: (A) CUNEYT ARCAYUREK, THE NUMBER ONE POLITICAL REPORTER FOR HURRIYET, TURKEY'S MOST WIDELY DISTRIBUTED AND READ NEWSPAPER, WROTE IN A FRONT-PAGE ARTICLE ABOUT THE VIOLENCE IN EASTERN TURKEY, "I WILL NOT GIVE HIS NAME, BUT A SENIOR OFFICIAL IN ANKARA TOLD US ONLY A FEW DAYS AGO "THE CIA AND KGB ARE RUNNING WILD IN TURKEY -- SOMETIMES AGAINST EACH OTHER, SOMETIMES ARM IN ARM." ANOTHER OFFICIAL SAID, 'THE US HAS GIVEN THE GREEN LIGHT TO KURDS IN THE SOUTH. THEY HAVE PERSUADED BARZANI AND HIS OPPONENTS TO MAKE PEACE. WE ARE WATCHING VERY CAREFULLY TO SEE HOW WE WILL BE AFFECTED IF INCIDENTS RECUR IN THE NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES TO THE SOUTH.'" ARCAYUREK THEN DEMANDS AN ACCOUNTING FROM THE GOVERNMENT ABOUT WHAT IT IS DOING "IN VIEW OF THE US DECISION TO GIVE THE GREEN LIGHT TO BARZANI." (B) ORSAN OYMEN, A COLUMNIST FOR CONFIDENTIAL

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MODERATE, PRO-GOVERNMENT MILLIYET, DEVOTED MOST OF HIS COLUMN APRIL 23 TO REPRINTING A US CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE REPORT ON CIA'S ACTIVITIES IN THIRD COUNTRIES, WITH SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON CIA INVOLVEMENT IN THE KURDISH MOVEMENT. OYMEN, WHO IS A YOUNGER BROTHER OF THE DEPUTY LEADER OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY GROUP OF ECEVIT'S REPUBLICAN PEOPLE'S PARTY (RPP), CONCLUDED BY SAYING HE HAD REPRODUCED THIS INFORMATION "SO THAT EVERYONE WOULD KNOW WHICH FINGERS ARE PUSHING WHICH BUTTONS PROVOKING AND DISTURBING ETHNIC GROUPS THESE DAYS..." (C) LEFT (MOSCOW-LEANING) POLITIKA CLAIMS IN ITS APRIL 23 EDITION THAT THE CIA IS LINKED WITH THE NAP AND WITH TWO EXTREME RIGHT-WING ORGANIZATIONS ALLEGEDLY INVOLVED IN PROVOCATIVE VIOLENCE. (D) CONSERVATIVE ZAFER APRIL 24 REPEATS HURRIYET'S CONTENTION THAT CIA AND KGB ARE ACTIVE IN TURKEY, SOMETIMES IN CONFLICT, OTHER TIMES IN COOPERATION. THE ZAFER COMMENTARY THEN REFERS TO THE RECENT VIOLENCE AT MALATYA AND INSINUATES THAT BOTH THE USSR AND US ARE INVOLVED. THE EDITORIAL CONCLUDES ON THE PLAINTIVE NOTE THAT THE OUTSIDE WORLD IS UNANIMOUSLY ANTI-TURKISH.

4. THE ABOVE SAMPLES ARE NOT EXHAUSTIVE. HARDLY A DAY PASSES WITHOUT SOME DIRECT OR INSINUATED ACCUSATION OF

IMPROPER US ACTIVITIES IN TURKEY. IT IS NOT A NEW PHENOMENON,  
BUT IT IS A DISTURBING ONE -- AND A GROWING ONE. AND WE FEAR  
THAT IT WILL KEEP GROWING AS LONG AS THE GOVERNMENT IS UNABLE  
TO BRING THE DOMESTIC SECURITY PROBLEM UNDER CONTROL.  
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